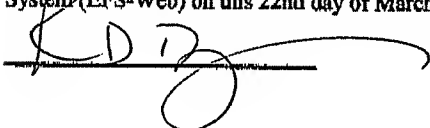


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3. I am a co-author of Spitteller *et al.*, "The Post-Polyketide Synthase Modification Steps in the Biosynthesis of the Antitumor Agent Ansamitocin by *Actinosynnema pretosium*," Journal of the American Chemical Society 125(47), p. 14236-14237, (2003), which describes my work.

4. Peter Spitteller, Linquan Bai, Guangdong Shang, Brian J. Carroll, and Tin-Wein Yu, who are the other coauthors of Spitteller *et al.*, "The Post-Polyketide Synthase Modification Steps in the Biosynthesis of the Antitumor Agent Ansamitocin by *Actinosynnema pretosium*," Journal of the American Chemical Society 125(47), p. 14236-14237, (2003), were students working under my direction and supervision.

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